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PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR TO HONOR UM FOR PRODUCING VOLUNTEERS

MISSOULA –

Ron Tschetter, the Washington, D.C.-based director of the Peace Corps, will speak at The University of Montana on Thursday, May 29, to honor UM for being a top producer of Peace Corps volunteers.

His appearance will be at 2 p.m. in the Turner Hall Dell Brown Room. The event is free and open to the public. Tschetter will present a plaque that will hang in UM's Office of Career Services.

Since the Peace Corps was established by President John F. Kennedy in 1961, more than 700 UM graduates have served as volunteers. UM now ranks 17th for producing volunteers among medium-sized universities and colleges with enrollments between 5,001 and 15,000. The University currently has 23 alumni serving in the corps.

An information session for those interested in the Peace Corps will be held later that day from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Dell Brown Room.

Tschetter is the 17th director of the Peace Corps and the third director to have served the corps as a volunteer. He and his wife, Nancy, were Peace Corps volunteers during 1966-68 in India, serving as community health workers.

Before becoming Peace Corps director, Tschetter was president of the largest full-service investment firm in the Northwest, Montana-based D.A. Davidson.

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